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SUBJ: ELECTRIC GENERATORS FOR IDB MEETING

REF: KINGSTON 995

1. THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS NOW PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH A FORMAL NOTE ASKING THAT THE US GOVERNMENT AGREE " TO THE LOAN OF STANDBY GENERATORS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 1500 KVA" FOR USE AT THE JAMAICA PEGASUS HOTEL IN KINGSTON DURING THE INTER- AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEETING MAY 7 - 10, 1973.
 2. THE MINISTRY' S NOTE STATES THAT INFORMATION ON THE INSTALLA- TION DATE AND TECHNICAL DETAILS REGARDING THE GENERATORS ARE AVAILABLE FROM IDB HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.
 3. THE EMBASSY DISCUSSED THIS REQUEST WITH THE OFFICE OF THE IDB RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN KINGSTON ON APR 3. THE OFFICE' S ADMIN- ISTRATIVE OFFICER CONFIRMED THE NEED FOR STANDBY GENERATING CAP- ACITY DURING THE MEETING. EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT THE LOCAL POWER COMPANY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY DEPENDABLE POWER BY MAY 1.
 4. COMMENT: THE UNDEPENDABILITY OF JAMAICA' S ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY DOES PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE IDB AND THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THIS IS HARDLY AN EMER- GENCY OR A DISASTER SITUATION SUCH AS THAT WHICH MIGHT BE CAUSED BY AN EARTHQUAKE OR A HURRICANE. IN ADDITION, SHOULD THE POWER
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COMPANY BE FACED WITH EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWNS DURING THE IDB MEETING, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR SELECTIVE POWER CUTS TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITH THE AREA AROUND THE PEGASUS HOTEL THE LAST TO BLACK OUT.

5. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS REQUEST BE HANDLED ON A STRICTLY REIMBURSABLE BASIS. IF STANDBY UNITS CAN BE FOUND, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT THEY BE OBTAINED FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE AND IF US GOVERNMENT FACILITIES MUST THUS BE USED, WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION, INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE BE CHARGED EITHER TO THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT OR THE IDB.
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